1	2	3	
2.	Potassium Chloride (Muriate of Potash) (Granular)	(i) Moisture per cent by weight, maximum .	0.5
		(ii) Water soluble potash (as K_2O) per cent by weight, minimum . .	60.0
		(iii) Sodium (as NaCl) per cent by weight, maximum .	3.5
		(iv) Magnesium (as M_gCl_2) per cent by weight, maximum	1.0
		(v) Particle size—90 per cent of the material shall pass through 3.35 mm IS sieve and be retained on 1 mm IS sieve not more than 5 per cent shall be below 1 mm IS sieve.	

Customs duty on drug intermediates

3888. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the drug intermediates which are levied customs duty of Zero per cent, 25 per cent and fifty per cent after current year's budget and what was the duty on these intermediates earlier ;

(b) whether any one of these intermediates is produced in the country and if so, what is the difference between its indigenous price and CIF import price ;

(c) whether any changes in the price of the bulk drugs have been made consequent to increase/reduction in customs duty, and if not, by when such changes would be made ; and

(d) what are the names of the intermediates in the negative list and what is the purpose of keeping them in such a list ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALLEIRO) : (a) to (c) The names of drug intermediates and the applicable rates of import duties after the current year's Budget are as contained in the notifications issued by the Ministry of Finance on 1-3-1994. The import duties earlier applicable on these intermediates were as notified by the Ministry of Finance from time to time. There are a large number of such intermediates which, besides being imported, are also manufactured in the country and the difference between the indigenous price and c.i.f. price for them varies from intermediate to intermediate. The study, subsequent to the changes in the import duties has been initiated for early revision of the bulk drugs prices.

(d) The names of the intermediates in the negative list of imports are listed in the Export Import Policy 1992—97 issued by the Ministry of Commerce. These intermediates are included in the Negative list of imports to safeguard the interests of the indigenous industry.

Advantage of the Open Sky Policy to Private Entrepreneurs

3889. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the names, alongwith salient features, of the private entrepreneurs which have taken advantage of the Open Sky Policy in the country so far ;

(b) the number of domestic flights which each one of them is operating daily, sector-wise, and the facilities like counters, space, etc. made available to each one of them by the airport authorities at various stations ;

(c) how far these facilities compare in area space and other logistic arrangements with the national carriers as also the time bound plans to give them more facilities ; and

(d) the representations received from each one of them with comments ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) The "Open Sky Policy" of the Government is in respect of air cargo flights only.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Foreign exchange outflow through national carriers

3890. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI :
SHRI E. BALANANDAN :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :